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| 3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37). |
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| 8. No corrected drawings have been received in reply to one-month period set in examiner's response dated |
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